

Claim Rejections

All the claims were previously rejected under Section 102 on Potter or Adams, except Claim 10 which was rejected under Section 103 on Potter in view of Hood.

The rejections based on Adams should be withdrawn in view of the Rule 131 Declaration submitted herewith.

The new base claims 39 and 40 now include the following limitations:

“the cable connector having opposed side walls and a front wall for engaging a part”
and

“fingers at a fingers end distal from said handle end to freely engage the side walls of said cable connector without contacting said front wall”.

Potter is a wire stripping device. It has nothing to do with inserting a cable connector into a part. Potter must engage the front of the wires with the finger, or he will not strip the insulation from the wire. If the Potter structure were used in the applicant's environment, the part would be destroyed by the pincer action of the stripping tool. Applicant submits that this reference should be withdrawn. Furthermore, the structure recited in the dependent claims are not fairly suggested by Potter (or Adams for that part). For example, where is the “lug” recited in Claims 4-5, 8, or “non-slip grip” recited in Claim 5, or the “finger rest” of Claims 15 and 32, or the ability to have One hand” control recited in Claim 29 or the lack of “spring action” of Claim 31, or the “long juts” of Claim 34. These features combined with the unique structure for holding the cable connector without deforming it or making it impossible for connection to a part by having the fingers made with an extension for cutting whatever is held by them should patentably distinguish applicant's

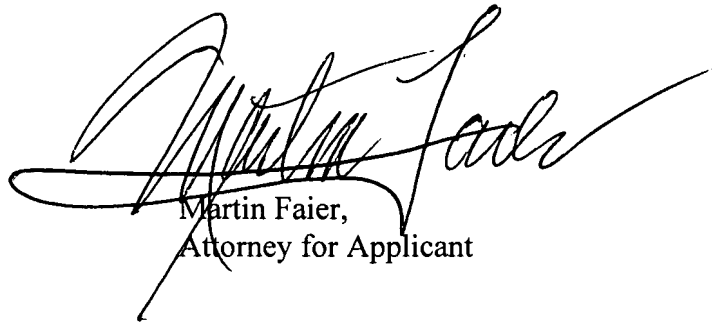
device from the prior art.

Corrections in Claims found Non-Compliant

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed 5/22/2007, the examiner found Claims 34-36 non-compliant because they were not properly identified and Claim 35 depended from a cancelled claim. Application thanks the examiner for pointing out these deficiencies, which applicant has now corrected in the Listing of Claims to identify these claims as “currently amended” and applicant has changed the dependency of Claim 35 from Claim 36, which remains in the case..

Applicant submits that the Rule 131 Declaration clearly shows that applicant made the invention before the filing date of the Adams reference. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the Adams reference be withdrawn. It is further believed that the claims as now present overcome the Potter reference.

Respectfully,



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